Land lease by NIT, Warangal

*192. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry have received any request from Andhra Pradesh Government for extension of lease for another 33 years for the land leased by National Institute of Technology, Warangal to Andhra Pradesh Tourism Development Corporation;

(b)if so, the details in this regard;

(c)the response of his Ministry to this request; and

(d)the reasons for delay, if any, in the implementation of above said request?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (d) This Ministry had received a letter dated 31.12.2002 from the Principal Secretary, Higher Education Department, Government of Andhra Pradesh regarding extension of lease of two acres of land given by the National Institute of Technology (formerly Regional Engineering College), Warangal to Andhra Pradesh Tourism Development Corporation (APTDC) on 08.01.1973, for running a Guest House with a restaurant. This letter was sent to the Director (then Principal) of the Institute for placing it before the Board of Governors of the Institute for its consideration. The Board of Governors of National Institute of Technology, Warangal considered the matter in its first meeting held on 09.09.2003. Keeping in view the need for the academic expansion of the Institute, it was decided to extend the lease upto 07.01.2004.

However, due to logistical problems, APTDC requested for more time to shift from the premises of the Institute, the Director, National Institute of Technology, Warangal has informed the Ministry that, in a meeting held on 29.12.2006 with District Collector, Warangal and Managing Director (APTDC), the matter was discussed again and it was decided to allow the APTDC time upto 30.6.2007, to vacate the premises.

Shortage of quality faculty in IIMs

*193. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state: